

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

The amendments to the specification filed on February 13, 2002 incorrectly identified locations within the specification to be amended. Applicant is resubmitting the amendments with corrected locations. Applicant regrets any inconvenience caused as a result of the previous incorrectly identified locations. The specification is amended to correct a typographical error in the name of a book, which was incorporated by reference. The correct name of the book is The Indispensable PC Hardware Book (2d ed.), which is consistent with the title given in the IDS filed on January 28, 1998 in the parent application and with the IDS filed on February 13, 2002 in this application. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

No claims are amended, cancelled, or added herein. As a result, claims 22-47 remain pending in this application.

Incorrect Filing Date

Applicant notes that the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 indicates that the application is a Continued Prosecution Application, and further notes that the Office Action and the Updated Filing Receipt mailed March 12, 2002 both show a filing date of February 11, 2002, which is incorrect. The present application was filed as a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) on October 22, 2001, as shown on the original Filing Receipt mailed January 14, 2002. Correction is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In response to the Examiner's objection to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 25, 2002 concerning illegible copies, enclosed herewith are legible copies of the non-initialed references: WO 96/08811; WO 98/01804; "Display Data Channel (DDC) Technical Overview" (12/18/96); and "Display Data Channel Standard" (4/9/96). Also enclosed is a copy of the partially-initialed Form 1449 citing these references. Applicant respectfully requests

consideration of the references and that the Examiner return a fully initialed copy of the Form 1449 with his next action.

Specification

The amendment filed February 13, 2002 was objected to as introducing new matter into the disclosure. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection. The amendment to the specification is fully supported by the specification. Applicant notes that the specification is amended to explicitly recite portions of pages 919, 921, and 1033 of The Indispensable PC Hardware Book (2d ed), which was incorporated by reference in the specification at page 6, lines 24-26. Copies of pages 919, 921, and 1033 have been provided in the response filed February 13, 2002. Amendment of the specification to include matter previously incorporated by reference is specifically provided for in MPEP 608.01(p). Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 22-47 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,323,873B1. A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that submission of the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes this rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6954 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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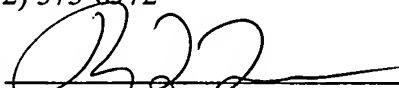
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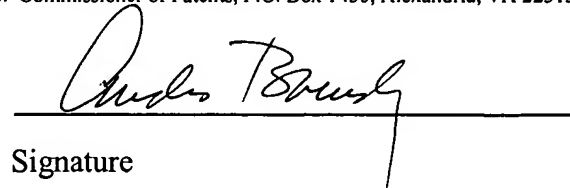
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